



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
**PROBATION DEPARTMENT**  
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CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER

August 10, 2006

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**APPROVAL OF RATES FOR SUPPORT OF MINORS IN PROBATION FACILITIES  
(3-VOTE) ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD AFTER THE PUBLIC HEARING:**

Adopt the resolution revising billable rates for minors detained in juvenile hall from \$24.57 to \$25.52 per day and for minors committed to camp from \$9.65 to \$10.62 per day.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The purpose of this letter is to obtain Board approval of revised rates for support of minors placed in detention or committed to County facilities by order of the Juvenile Court.

Section 903 of the Welfare and Institutions Code provides that a spouse or parent of a minor, the estate of a spouse or parent, and the estate of the minor shall be liable for the reasonable cost of support of the minor placed in an institution pursuant to an order of the Juvenile Court.

Section 904 of the Welfare and Institutions Code provides that a board of supervisors shall establish the monthly or daily charge for support and maintenance of such minors. Such charges may not exceed the reasonable actual county costs of food, food preparation, clothing, personal supplies, and medical expenses, subject to a statutory maximum amount. Adoption of the attached resolution provides the legal authority for the Probation Department to recover such support and maintenance expenses.

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The Auditor-Controller's Fiscal Manual section 8.1.3 requires departments to review revenues and adjust fees when they no longer provide full cost recovery. Probation annually reviews the basis of the subject rates and has calculated that since the rates were last set the cost of providing detention has gone up in the amount of the requested increases. The requested increases will provide full cost recovery to the extent they are collectible in individual cases.

Prior to adopting the resolution revising the daily rates, your Board is required to hold a public hearing in compliance with Government Code Section 66018. Notice of the time and place of your Board's public hearing at which this resolution is to be considered shall be published in accordance with Government Code Section 6062(a).

#### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The recommended Board action is consistent with Countywide Strategic Plan Goal #4 Fiscal Integrity. Implementation of this recommendation will allow the Department to recover a portion of the cost for food, clothing, personal supplies, and allowable medical services.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

This recommendation will provide additional revenue to the Department. As the majority of the funds collected are on long-term monthly payment plans, the anticipated revenue increase for 2006-07 is \$330,000.

#### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

No impact to current services or projects.

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## CONCLUSION

Request the Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors to provide an executed copy of the resolution to the Probation Department.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert B. Taylor  
Chief Probation Officer

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## Attachment (1)

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c: Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court  
Chief Administrative Officer  
County Counsel  
Auditor-Controller

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

**REVISING THE COUNTY'S DAILY RATE FOR PROVIDING FOOD,  
CLOTHING, PERSONAL SUPPLIES, AND ALLOWABLE MEDICAL  
SERVICES TO MINORS DETAINED OR COMMITTED PURSUANT TO AN  
ORDER OF THE JUVENILE COURT**

**WHEREAS**, Welfare and Institutions Code Section 903 provides that the spouse and each parent of a minor, the estates of the spouse and of each parent, and the estate of the minor shall be liable for the reasonable costs of support of the minor while the minor is placed, or detained, or committed to any institution or place pursuant to order of the Juvenile Court; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors is required by Welfare and Institutions Code Section 904 to determine the monthly or daily charge, not to exceed reasonable actual costs, for care, support, and maintenance of minor persons placed or detained in or committed to any institution by order of a juvenile court; and

**WHEREAS**, including only reasonable costs of support in accordance with section 903, the Probation Department has calculated the average fiscal year 2005-06 cost to the County of providing a minor's food, clothing, personal supplies, and allowable medical services to be twenty-five dollars and fifty-two cents (\$25.52) per day at a juvenile hall and ten dollars and sixty-two cents (\$10.62) per day at a camp facility; and

**WHEREAS**, such amounts are each below the maximum reasonable costs of support set forth in section 903;

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** that pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code Section 904, the sum of twenty-five dollars and fifty-two cents (\$25.52) per day for juvenile halls and ten dollars and sixty-two cents (\$10.62) per day for camps shall be the charges to reimburse the County for the costs of providing food, clothing, personal supplies, and allowable medical services to a minor committed or detained pursuant to an order of the Juvenile Court. Such charge shall be assessed in accordance with Section 903 of the Welfare and Institutions Code to persons liable for the support of the minor, including but not limited to the minor's spouse, the minor's father, the minor's mother, and their and the minor's estates.

The foregoing resolution was on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2006  
adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and  
ex-officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing  
districts, agencies and authorities for which said Board so acts.

Sachi A. Hamai, Executive Officer  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the  
County of Los Angeles

BY \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy

Approved as to form:

Raymond G. Fortner, Jr.  
County Counsel

BY \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy

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November 14, 2006

**TO:** Each Supervisor

**FROM:** Robert B. Taylor *Robert B. Taylor*  
Chief Probation Officer

**SUBJECT: SLIDING SCALE FOR JUVENILE REIMBURSEMENT COLLECTIONS**

This is in response to your September 26, 2006 Board motion related to Public Hearing Item #2, instructing the Chief Probation Officer, in conjunction with the Chief Administrative Officer, the Auditor-Controller and County Counsel to report back within 60-days on the feasibility of creating a sliding scale for the rates for support of juveniles in Probation facilities.

The Probation Department currently uses the Los Angeles County Monthly Ability-to-Pay Plan (MAPP), which is a sliding scale, to determine the responsible party's monthly payment amount. MAPP is distributed by the Treasurer and Tax Collector (TTC), and is based on the United States federal poverty guidelines. TTC is nearing release of a revised MAPP sliding scale, which will be incorporated into Probation's client financial evaluation process. Use of TTC's MAPP provides consistency of ability-to-pay calculations among County agencies.

Probation's financial evaluators meet with the responsible party, review their financial documentation, and calculate their ability-to-pay based on the MAPP guidelines. These guidelines include consideration of key household factors such as income level and dependents. A responsible party may request an ability-to-pay review at any time. If the responsible party's income level falls below federal poverty guidelines, the financial evaluator can recommend to the court that the responsible party has no ability-to-pay, and request that the matter be set for a one-year re-determination. If after one year the responsible party continues to fall below the federal poverty guidelines, the financial evaluator can recommend to the court that the account be closed.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Robert Smythe, Deputy Director, Administrative Services, at (562) 940-2516.

**c:** David E. Janssen, Chief Administrative Officer  
Raymond G. Fortner, Jr., County Counsel  
Sachi Hamai, Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors  
J. Tyler McCauley, Auditor-Controller  
Mark Saladino, Treasurer and Tax Collector